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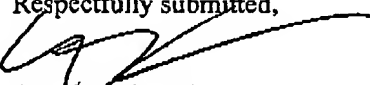
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application:

- (1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated March 27, 2007

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY

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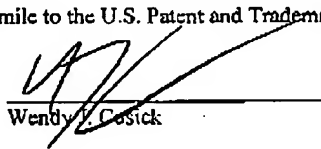
- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

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